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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In reply to the Advisory Action mailed July 17, 2008 and in further reply to the final Office Action mailed May 28, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the subject application. Claims 3-8, 11 and 28-31 have been allowed while claims 23, 24, 27 and 32-44 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 3-8, 11, and 28-31 remain pending in the subject application.

Applicants note with gratitude the allowance of claims 3-8, 11 and 28-31. Applicants would like to express their gratitude to Examiners Boyer and Caldarola for taking the time to discuss the subject application in a telephonic interview today. The discussion centered on the claims that have been canceled in this application. Applicants reserve the right to present the canceled claims in a divisional application.

Applicants respectfully request speedy issuance of a notice of allowance, since only allowed claims remain in the application. Should the Examiner wish to discuss the matter further, he is invited to contact the undersigned.

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